

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed March 30, 2005, has been reviewed and carefully considered. Claims 1, 2, 4-6, 8, 9 and 11-13 were rejected. Applicant appreciates Examiner's indication of allowability of claims 3, 7, 10 and 14. Applicant has amended claims 1 and 8 and canceled claims 3 and 10. Claims 1-2, 4-9 and 11-14 are pending

In paragraph one on page two of the Office Action, claim 1 was objected to.

Applicant respectfully traverses the objection, but in the interest of expediting prosecution have amended the claim as suggested. However, Applicant asserts that the amendment does not narrow the scope of the claim.

In paragraph three on page two of the Office Action, claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-9, 11-13 were rejected under § 102(a) as being anticipated by Ohinata et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,198,583).

In paragraph three on page three of the Office Action, claims 3, 7, 10 and 14 were objected to.

Applicant respectfully traverses the § 102(a) rejection, but in the interest of expediting prosecution have amended claim 1 and 8 to include the limitations of claims 3 and 10 respectively. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims, as amended, are now in condition for immediate allowance.

On the basis of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims are in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration of this application and its allowance are requested. Please charge/credit Deposit Account No. 50-0996 (HITG.012US01) for any deficiencies/overpayments.

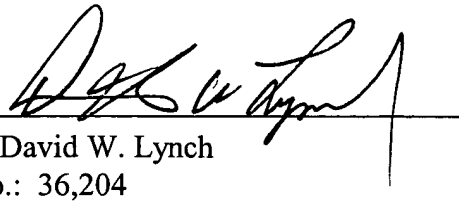
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